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SUBJ: REMARKS BY PRESIDENT PEREZ TO VITING US. NEWSMEN

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1. PRESIDENT PEREZ ALSO PAID EXTRAORDINARY TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN HIS NOVEMBER 8 MEETING WITH US. NEWSMEN. THE PRESIDENT CALLED LINCOLN "ONE OF THE NOBLEST SONS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION," AND SAID HE HAD BEEN PROFOUNDLY INFLUENCED BY LINCOLN'S PERSONALITY AND PHILOSOPHY.

2. LATER , A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT TOLD THE PAO THAT LINCOLN AND CHURCHILL WERE PEREZ' TWO GREATEST FOREIGN HEROES. HE SAID THERE WAS A BUST OF CHURCHILL IN PEREZ' PRIVATE OFFICE. WE WILL BE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES WITH USIA OF SOME HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE, SUITABLE LINCOLN BUST OR PICTURE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT DURING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR.
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